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What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend...

SATURDAY, April 21, 2012

- *Boater Safety Course*



The Suffolk Parks & Recreation Department will host a Boater Safety Course on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Oakland Recreation Center, 5505 Godwin Boulevard.

Effective, July 1, 2012, all Personal Water Craft (PWV) operations, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age and older will be required to have successfully completed an approved boating safety program. This course will be offered by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to meet the General Assembly's requirement. The class will include a 45-minute lunch break; however, lunch is not provided.

Pre-registration is required for this free course. Please register early as seating is limited.

For more information, contact JJ Stephens at Oakland Recreation Center, 757-514-7246.

- *Global Youth Service Day*



On Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., hundreds of youth volunteers will work in various communities throughout our City in support of “Youth for Change,” a Youth Advisory Council-led initiative designed to beautify our city. The youth of Suffolk will join millions of other young people around the world who are creating community change as part of *Global Youth Service Day*, the world’s largest and longest-running service event. Now in its 24th year, *Global Youth Service Day* (April 20-22, 2012) is celebrated in more than 100 countries, and recognizes the positive impact that young people have on their communities, not just for this one day, but 365 days a year.

Children, teens and young adults ages 5 to 25 have been recruited from various Scout Troops, faith-based and community-based organizations, schools and youth organizations, along with adults from City Departments, local businesses, civic leagues and community groups. Together, they’ll take part in community clean-ups and beautification projects at numerous local parks and neighborhoods. For more project information, contact Jennifer Branham, Youth Service Outreach Coordinator, at (757) 514-4503, or by email: jbranham@suffolkva.us, or Jason Pittman at (757) 514-7268, or by email: jpittman@suffolkva.us.

SUNDAY, April 22, 2012

- *Suffolk Humane and Suffolk Animal Control Adopt-A-Thon*



April means it's raining cats, dogs, puppies and kittens, and there will be a multitude to choose from at the April 22 Adopt-A-Thon.

The event will be held at the adoption center at the North Suffolk PetSmart, 6243 College Dr., Suffolk VA 23435 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Suffolk Humane Society is dedicated to promoting the welfare of companion animals in the community through sponsoring spay/neuter programs, placing homeless animals in loving permanent homes, and providing quality humane education with an emphasis on responsible pet ownership. Visit www.SuffolkHumaneSociety.com each week to get the latest information about the group's activities and to view the up-to-date photos of the adoptable animals at Suffolk Animal Control, 124 Forest Glen Drive, Suffolk (757-514-7855). Call Suffolk Humane 757-538-3030 for more information.

Now through April 28, 2012

Land of our Fathers



• *Land of Our Fathers Exhibit – Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts*

The "Land of Our Fathers" exhibit features art from the Norfolk State University African Art Gallery, the Doctors L.T. & Margaret Reid Collection from the Suffolk Art Gallery, and is accompanied by the photographs of Brenda C. Wright. Eight African Countries are represented in a variety of mediums including: wood, metal, clay, and fiber.

This exhibit is on display Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., now through April 28, 2012 at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, 110 W. Finney Avenue. For more information, call 757-923-0003 or visit www.SuffolkCenter.org.

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